

## 2004 Supplemental Transportation Budget

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### Striking Amendment to House Bill 2474

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

##### **Ferry Security: \$3.8 million**

Federal regulations require WSDOT to develop and implement a security plan for the ferry system.

- The ferry system will add information technology positions, new security personnel and training.
- The Washington State Patrol will add K9 teams and cadet surveillance teams to monitor vessel and terminal public areas, including vehicle waiting areas.

##### **I-776 Reductions: \$41.3 million**

The initiative eliminated the gross weight fees for trucks 8,000 pounds and under and resulted in a loss in revenue supporting several transportation accounts. The 10-year loss is \$205 million. The biennial loss follows:

##### **I-776 Reductions:**

- \$30.7 million Motor Vehicle Account revenue reduction.
- \$9.4 million State Patrol Highway Account revenue reduction.
- \$1.2 million gross weight fee refund processing.

\$41.3 million I-776 Total Reduction

##### **I-776 Response: \$44 Million**

Revenue losses and new liabilities are partially mitigated through available fund balances, federal funding provided for ferries, a risk management reduction, and reductions in state expenditures.

Some of these include:

- \$18.6 million state ferry capital funding is replaced with federal funding.
- \$8 million fund transfer from Transportation Equipment Fund and Advance R.O.W. Account.
- \$8 million risk management reduction.
- \$9.4 million net from State Patrol Highway Account fund balance.

##### **Nickel Project Management and Schedule Adjustments**

Adjustments to project scheduling are adopted. The Transportation Commission recommended minor adjustments to project cost and scope have also been adopted.

- No projects have been added or subtracted from the 2003 Transportation (Nickel) Program.
- All projects originally listed are slated for completion within the financial package adopted in 2003.
- The budget accelerates the schedule for projects associated with the 2010 Olympics, including I-5 HOV at Everett and SR 539 (10 Mile to the Border) in Whatcom County. The budget also provides an accelerated schedule for the SR 16 Burley Olalla Interchange project, which is accelerated by one year.

## Highway Expenditures (Additional Current Law Projects):

- \$1.7 million is provided for additional noise walls on I-5 by Salmon Creek.
- \$6.1 million (\$1 million in 03/05) is provided for the Purdy Creek Bridge.
- \$400 thousand is provided for a traffic and economic study of the Mount Saint Helens tourist and recreational area.
- \$550 thousand is provided for a route development plan of state route 169.
- \$2.48 million (in 03/05) is provided for either the SR28 - East End of the George Sellar Bridge Phase 1 project or the US 2/97 Peshastin East Interchange project.
- \$11 million of the Puyallup Tribal Settlement Account is provided for the Morgan Murray Bridge.
- \$1.5 million provided for the Skagit River Flood Mitigation and Keystone Terminal studies.
- \$1.2 million provided for Yelm by-pass.
- \$650 thousand provided for SR 164 corridor study.
- \$500 thousand provided for sensitive lands database.

### Transportation Budget Comparisons

(Dollars in Millions)

#### 2001-03 Transportation Funding

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| 2001-03 Funding             | 3,375.7 |
| Tacoma Narrows Bridge Bonds | 800.0   |
| 2003 Total                  | 4,175.7 |

#### 2003-05 Transportation Funding (Nickel Package)

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| 2003-05 Funding                           | * 4,353.6 |
| 2004 Supplemental Expenditure Differences | **51      |

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| <b>Revised 2003-05 Funding/ 2004 Supplemental</b> | <b>4.4 billion</b> |
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\* Includes first two years of 10-year New Law (Nickel Account) expenditures.

\*\* Does not include Hood Canal Bridge.

Note: \$344.7 million in Bond Retirement and Interest amounts are not included.

## **Other Transportation Expenditures**

### **Freight and Rail Projects:**

- \$800 thousand is provided for the Lewis County Rail Project.
- \$13.92 million is provided for Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board projects. The list is available on-line.

### **Washington State Ferries:**

- \$1 million is provided for a study on the viability of the existing Keystone harbor.
- Funding for the fourth vessel has been accelerated from 2011-13 to 2007-11. This adjustment provides for more efficient contracting and millions of dollars in savings associated with building the four vessels consecutively.
- \$15.4 million has been received in one-time federal funding, including \$9.4 million for ferry security equipment purchases.
- Funding for the Vashon to Seattle passenger-only ferry is provided through fiscal year 2005.
- \$3 million in toll credits are assigned to Kitsap Transit to assist them in obtaining a federal match for passenger-only ferry capital projects, which alleviate the need for state or local funds.
- Washington State Ferries is to develop a 10-year strategy.

### **Public Transportation:**

- Greater flexibility is provided for special needs transportation providers. Funds may be used by transit agencies for operating and capital as long as the agencies maintain or increase special needs transportation compared to the previous year.
- The use of vanpool funds provided in 2003 is expanded to include incentives to employers to increase employee vanpool use.
- \$100 thousand is provided for Benton County Commute Trip Reduction.
- \$500,000 is provided to King County for a car sharing program. Funds serve as a state match to obtain federal funding.

### **Department of Licensing:**

- \$2.4 million is provided to purchase and implement digital license plate printing equipment. (\$2 million from the License Plate Technology Account, \$400 thousand from the Motor Vehicle Account).
- \$721 thousand is provided to replace outdated printers in vehicle licensing offices throughout the state.
- \$475 thousand is provided for an emergency data recovery center.
- \$369 thousand is provided for renewal of drivers' licenses via the internet or through the mail.
- \$354 thousand is provided to bring the Commercial Driver's License program into compliance with federal law.
- \$452 thousand is provided to prepare to implement a biometric security system for drivers' licenses to prevent identity fraud.

### **Washington State Patrol:**

- \$2.1 million will add K9 teams and cadet surveillance teams to monitor vessel and terminal public areas, including vehicle waiting areas.
- \$948 thousand is provided for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) equipment. The funding includes a \$198 thousand grant that matches DUI fine revenue directed to the State Patrol Highway Account.
- \$873 thousand is provided for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. The funding includes \$573 thousand in federal funds provided for the New Entrants Program and border protection.